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SENATOR MAHONEY: Mr. President, members, the items that are contained in LB 606 are for the legislative session expenses in the incurring year that will be coming up: the Legislative Services Department, Clerk of the Legislature, the Inter-Governmental Cooperation Committee, our Office of Public Council, our Ombudsman, Interstate Education Compact, Conflicts of Interest Committee, the Fiscal and Program Analysis. All of these are figured with the present people that we have that are on staff with very minor revisions, and would only take in that portion that would call for running the legislative session in the next year with the present help that we have, and also probably on Select File we'll have a minor amendment which would take care of the Clerk of the Legislature that has one employee that we ourselves did not have included in. It would be a very, very minor amendment. So as you can notice in this bill the recommendations that we have are at the bare minimum that would get us by to run the Legislature itself. This would be the full funding in the next incurring year.

PRESIDENT: Senator Luedtke.

SENATOR LUEDTKE: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, would Senator Mahoney yield to a question? Senator Mahoney, last year I think we had about one million, one hundred and one - five, something like that. That was LB 997. This years request is somewhat reduced. Could you tell me in what areas? It's reduced from our request, the Legislative Counsel request, I know that. From what areas did we reduce it, or was it reduced, could you tell us?

SENATOR MAHONEY: Well some it Senator Marvel will have to come back in here for because their committee did the study on this. Most of it is in the area of not taking on new help, pay raises.

SENATOR LUEDTKE: No new help and pay raises?

SENATOR MAHONEY: Well it is in the area that we have not gotten into carrying over our budget as we normally do each year. We have specified from the people that we have on deck now as to what's going to happen in the next year. We're not making very many changes, Senator Luedtke. We're going to be staying pretty close to the cupboard.

SENATOR LUEDTKE: OK, and that's principally the changes, right? Senator Marvel, is that about . . . do you have any additions to that?

SENATOR MARVEL: We have eight hundred thousand dollars in . . . a balance which will not be reappropriated. We've been criticized in some areas for retaining a large unappropriated balance. This particular bill will not reappropriate that amount. So the money you see appropriated is all. There is no reappropriation.